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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
 CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: July 15, 2025

**The Punjab State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation
 Limited**

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

M/s Bhandari Oils & Extractions Pvt. Ltd. and others

.....Non-applicant(s)/Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Applicant – The Punjab State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited has filed the present application seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 20.12.2005, passed by learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Khanna, in Complaint case bearing No. 15/4 of 1998, RBT No. 175/4 of 2004, instituted on 07.05.1998 / 15.04.2004, under Section(s) 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, titled as ‘The Punjab State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited v. M/s Bhandari Oils & Extractions Pvt. Ltd. and others’, whereby the complaint filed by the applicant(s) herein has been dismissed by acquitting the accused.

2. After granting leave to appeal, same was admitted by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 03.08.2011.

3. Shorn off the factual matrix of the present case, it is suffice to notice that in the recent mandate of law laid down by Hon’ble the Apex Court, in the case of **M/s Celestium Financial v. A. Gnanasekaran etc.** [Criminal Appeal Nos. 1868-70 of 2025, decided on 08.04.2025, reported as 2025 (3) RCR (Criminal) 208 : Law Finder Doc Id # 2737710 : 2025 SCC OnLine SC 1320], their



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appeal filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. and entrust the same to any appropriate Court to try the same. The concerned Court shall decide the appeal on merits as per law, as expeditiously as possible.

Since similar directions are being passed by this Court in number of cases, the concerned Appellate Court need not to adhere to the delay aspect, if any, involved in the case, for the purpose of considering the issue raised in the appeal and its disposal on merit.

8. The Registry is directed to transmit this order alongwith copy of the complete paper-book of this case, as also return the record of the Trial Court, if received, to the learned Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, forthwith.

9. Disposed of accordingly.

10. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

July 15, 2025
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>